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Visitors to Coles Park waylaid by rodents on pathway busy feasting on food items left by humans

THE RAT RACE

Park regulars question BBMP horticulture dept

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Parks are for greenery, with play equipment for the children and amenities for the public, especially for senior citizens. Parks are certainly not meant for nurturing a rodent population.

The authorities concerned are mandated to take measures to check inconveniences caused to citizens due to rats and rodents.

Looking at the number of rodent and rat holes at Coles Park, it seems as though the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) horticulture department has failed to fix the problems of the citizens who visit the park for strolls in the morning and evening.

Some people, due to superstitious beliefs or reasons best known to them, are throwing condiments, biscuits, bread and food items in Coles Park for feeding crows; however, the real beneficiaries are rats and rodents that pose a danger, as a health hazard, for the public.

Some of the visitors said they could not walk on the pathway due to the rats and rodents that roam in the park feasting on food

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"I wanted to stop visiting Coles Park due to the rats and rodents

— Farah D, resident of the area

Trash trap camera

Electronic City residents request CCTVs to check illegal garbage dumping

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To address rampant garbage dumping, residents of Electronic City have requested CCTVs. Residents are asking for the deployment of at least 10 CCTVs in top trash blackspots identified.

Unknown miscreants dumping garbage on roads is a common problem across Bengaluru. Even after the panchayat authorised a vendor for door-to-door collection of garbage, the residents saw no respite.

Though they said they have witnessed commercial establishments dumping waste in bulk, it's not possible to monitor for the illegal activity round the clock without CCTVs.

So subsequently the residents requested the area MLA to install CCTVs in E-City neighbourhoods, at a recent public interaction to address issues within the Hulimangala panchayat area held on December 9.

"We need CCTVs to address garbage dumping. The panchayat opted for a vendor for door-to-door garbage collection. The vendor is collecting garbage at least 2-3 times a week. But still, several areas see heavy garbage dumping. On Gollahalli main road, we have seen restaurant crew dumping garbage. This is an issue across E-City. Mixed waste is dumped on the road; the entire stretch stinks. Rainy season sees heavy mosquito infestation. The nearest police station is Hebbagodi which is 20 minutes away. Hence, we are asking

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Gem of all

The Grand Rajasthani Exhibition is back in town with the latest collection of artistic goodies. The exhibition-cum sale has been organised by Maaruthi Enterprises. You can explore a range of handicrafts, including Odisha tie and dye, handlooms, jewellery, gems, bed rugs from Uttar Pradesh, Kalamkari sarees, earrings, kurtas, and more.
Where: Sri Rajarajeshwari Kalyana Mantapa, Dr Rajkumar Road, 2nd Block, Rajajinagar; When: until December 24; 10 am to 9 pm

02 Unique show

Matangi Nrithyakshetra presents a Bharatanatyam dance drama, Swargade Shaale, which will be performed by students aged between 5 and 15 years of age. This unique drama is about the childhood of goddesses Saraswathi, Lakshmi, Parvathy, Vishnu, and Shiva, who go to school to work on their skills and learn their duties to become gods. **Where: ADA Rangamandira**
When: December 22; 6 pm

03 Living legend

Legendary Grammy Award winner D'Angelo is set to perform at one of the most popular malls in the city. Join in for an unforgettable experience as he takes the stage this Sunday. D'Angelo has been known for his soulful and groundbreaking work.
Where: Juliet, 5th Floor, 1MG Mall
When: December 17; 6 pm

Waste-wise wonders: This fair sets the way

Kadalekai Parishe experiences reduction in waste this year compared to previous year; BBMP and over 500 volunteers collaborate to enforce stringent practices

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People buy groundnuts from vendors during the annual groundnut fair, Kadalekai Parishe, organised between December 11 and 13

The Kadalekai Parishe that started between December 11 and 13 saw less waste this year in comparison to last year. Thanks to the efforts of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike and over 500 volunteers, waste management was carried out efficiently, and with strict enforcement and awareness ahead of the event, dry waste was reduced.

According to the BBMP health officer, the amount of waste generated this time was significantly less than the previous year. The amount of plastic generated was around 70% less than the previous year.

Raj from the Ploggers Army, who was part of the volunteering, said, "As per the BBMP officials and marshals, over 800 kg of plastic was collected last year; this year it was reduced to 280–300 kg by the second day. There were a lot of paper plates and paper cups being thrown around, and as and when the volunteers found them, they would collect them and store them in the trash bag. The bags would then be collected at the end of the day by BBMP."

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Embrace Kadalekai Parishe with minimal waste

BM's report on November 17 about volunteers joining hands to reduce wastage

The marshals were imposing fines on the vendors who were giving away plastic bags to the customers. And the volunteers who made cloth bags themselves distributed around 20,000 of them, and over 7,000 paper bags were distributed at a nominal cost charged to the vendors. This way, the number of paper bag users was also reduced. The volunteers also set up a stall at the entrance for the public to buy the cloth bags and shop.

Raj said, "There were around 30-35 marshals deployed during the Parishe. They were carrying out strict enforcement. And with various organisations and students coming for volunteering, it did help in bringing down the waste to a significant amount."

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> –Raj, Ploggers Army

A volunteer added, "Enforcing fines on vendors distributing plastic bags sent a strong message. Our collective efforts made vendors and attendees alike more conscious of their waste, contributing to a significant reduction in plastic usage."

The BBMP health officer said that education and awareness were key aspects of bringing down the waste.

"By actively discouraging plastic use and providing alternatives like cloth bags, we empowered the public to make eco-friendly choices during the event," they added.

A cry for help: Baby twins in distress

The arrival of children brings immense joy to parents, yet the birth of twins has presented a novel challenge for city parents. Recently born at a private hospital in the city, these twins are grappling with congenital central hypoventilation syndrome (CCHS), a disorder affecting only around 1,000 cases globally, according to doctors.

CCHS, a condition impacting the autonomic nervous system and breathing, manifested shortly after their birth. Newborns with CCHS may experience hypoventilation during sleep, displaying a bluish tint in their skin or lips (cyanosis). Additional symptoms encompass challenges in regulating heart rate and blood pressure, reduced pain perception, low body temperature, sporadic profuse sweating, Hirschsprung disease, constipation, learning difficulties, eye abnormalities, and a distinctive facial appearance characterised by a short, wide, somewhat flattened face.

CCHS might also be linked to neural crest tumours like neuroblastoma, ganglioneuroblastoma, and ganglioneuroma. The genetic root of CCHS lies in a variation in the PHOX2B gene, inherited in an autosomal dominant manner.

Ameet Nandihal, a distressed parent, told Bangalore Mirror that they had a daughter who is eight years old, and three months ago, their joy had no bounds when twin daughters were born. "Interestingly, they were identical, and little did we know that their diseases would also be identical. Currently, the situation is such that the babies cannot sleep normally, and if they have to be made to sleep, then they should be connected to a ventilator. This is a very rare case, and in India, there are four to five such cases. We don't fall in the BPL category, and hence we are not getting any support from the government. We have been struggling hard to ensure that the babies survive," he said.

The parents revealed that the treatment costs exceed Rs 70 lakh, and they welcome any assistance, encouraging potential supporters to reach out at 9036224651. **— BMB**

Wife-swap: Woman accuses spouse of coercion

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CRIME FILES

A woman has lodged a complaint at the Women Police station in Basavanagudi, alleging that her spouse has coerced her into having an affair with one of his coworkers as part of the wife swapping scheme at his office. In addition, the complaint charges her spouse with harassing her for the dowry. Based on the complaint, the police filed a formal complaint and started an investigation.

The 23-year-old woman wed the accused in Bengaluru last year. The woman claims that by showing her explicit recordings, her husband coerced her into having sex with his coworkers. The complainant alleges that her spouse attempted to kill her by smothering her with a pillow after she refused.

"My spouse urged me to go to bed with his coworkers after informing me that there was a wife-swapping idea in his office. He used his belt to attack me when I refused," the woman said in her lawsuit. She added that on November 31, her spouse attempted to choke her to death with a pillow after returning home intoxicated. In addition, she has also claimed that her spouse had slept with her without permission.

The complainant claimed that nine members of her husband's family, including the husband, had harassed her for money. The complainant alleges her husband had taken a loan of Rs 10 lakh and wanted the wife to pay for it.

E-cigarette sale: 5 held

Five people were taken into custody by the Kothanur Police for storing and reselling electronic cigarettes that are illegal in the city. Two distinct gift stores in Kothanur yielded electronic devices and foreign cigarettes valued at Rs 26 lakh to the police. Majamil, Muhammad Afzal, Abdul Ajid, Abdul Sameer, and Muhammad Mutasadik are the names of the accused.

Regarding the seizures, the Kothanur Police have opened two distinct cases. E-cigarettes are purportedly supplied to the accused by another individual.

Woman kills elderly in-laws over property

A police investigation has revealed that an elderly couple in Sulibele Village, Bengaluru Rural, had been murdered over a property dispute by their daughter-in-law and grandkids. Narasimha, who was arrested as the main suspect in the December 10 murders of his mother Muniramakka, 65, and father Ramakrishnappa, 70, said that his wife Bhagya and kids had killed the couple.

Police claim that after Narasimha and Bhagya decided to distribute property among all five of their children—including four daughters—Bhagya planned the murder. Narasimha had just experienced significant losses in business. Bhagya advised her husband to seize his parents' property and sell it to pay off debts. It is stated that Narasimha's parents told him they intended to also gift his four sisters the land. According to the authorities, on the evening of December 10, Bhagya, her daughter Varsha, and her little son went to the home of the old couple and killed them by stabbing them with knives.

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Dangerous roads ahead

Only 2 accident blackspots of 27 identified fixed in Bengaluru

Rectification of 19 blackspots is still in progress, work on 5 yet to even begin

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In Bengaluru, a city notorious for potholes and fatal accidents, the most significant threat appears to be blackspots or perennially accident-prone zones. Surprisingly, only two blackspots have been rectified in the city so far, out of the 27 identified within the city limits. Statistics indicate that the rectification of 19 blackspots is still in progress, while the tendering process is underway for one more blackspot. Work on rectifying five blackspots is yet to commence.

The blackspots where the majority of accidents have occurred include locations like Near Navayuga toll (H Cross junction), Chokkasandra Junction, Roopena Agrahra, Singasandra bus stop, Naganathapura junction, Konappana Agrahara, Venkatdri Junction, NICE Road Electronic City toll (SNN apartment), NICE Road (near Purvankara apartment), Nagegowdanapalya, RV College (Mysuru Road), Mailasandra junction, Madhu petrol bunk junction, Doddabele Junction, Meenukunte cross, Kadiganahalli cross, MVIT Junction, Bettahalasuru Junction, Sadahalli Junction, Kannamangalapalya gate, Bhattarahalli (Old Madras Road), IAG, Jakkur, Palanahalli gate, Yelahanka bypass (near Coffee day), IPTB Main Road (container yard entry gate), Varthur Lake Road, ORR, Kalamandir, ORR, JP Morgan, Iblur Junction, Bheema Jewellers Junction, near the forest office, near Chroma showroom, Koramangala Inner Ring Road, Old Airport Road, B Narayanapura, ASR Kalyanamantapa (Ramamurthy ring road), KR Puram bridge, Tank Bund Road, GT Road (Shantala junction to Sangolli Rayanna circle), Chamarjept 3rd Main Road, BGS flyover, Magadi Road (from Prasanna junction to toll gate bus stop), Guddadahalli to Bapujinagar signal, Nayandahalli junction to Kwality biscuits, Suvarna layout junction, Magadi Main Road (Ashraya Hospital Junction to Kodigepalya BMTC bus stop, RMC yard to MEI junction, Annapurna Junction, Minerva Circle, JP Nagar sixth phase (15th main road, 33rd cross to 35th main road), PESIT college 100 feet Ring Road, Bhadrappa Layout, and Yogheshwaranagar Cross.

Action taken

Responding on behalf of the PWD Minister, Revenue Minister Krishna Byregowda provided insights, stating that there are 187 black spots in the state. These include spots on state highways and district main roads that have been transformed into accident-free zones through various initiatives. The estimated cost for fixing these black spots is approximately Rs. 23.20 crore. Under the Prevention of Road Accidents and Mitigation (P.R.A.M.) initiative, measures have been implemented to ensure accident-free zones. Out of the targeted 187 black spots, 182 have been successfully fixed, while the remaining five are currently in progress. The Public Works Department has collaborated with technical colleges to conduct post-implementation studies on 205 black spots so far. These studies, spanning three years, have yielded annual reports for 99 black spots, showcasing a substantial decrease in accidents within these developed areas according to the study report. The study found that the accident rate in these transformed black spots has significantly reduced, approaching zero.

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Apartment complex sows seeds of sustainability

Residents promote sustainability through initiatives like bag sharing, plant swapping to minimise disposable usage

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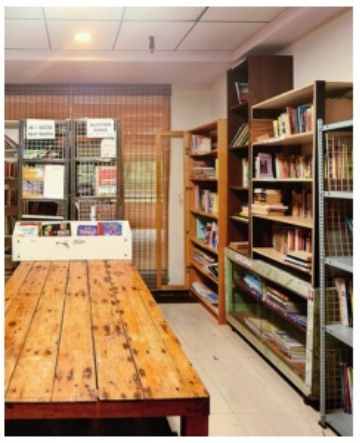
Unique initiatives taken by residents of Prestige Shantiniketan to ensure zero disposable living

The PSN Green Team, comprised of residents from 3002 apartments at Prestige Shantiniketan, is dedicated to fostering sustainable practices within their community. Their mission focuses on the principles of refuse, reduce, reuse, and only then recycle.

For the past four years, the PSN Green Team has been spearheading various cost-free initiatives at Prestige Shantiniketan (PSN) to promote and raise awareness about the importance of sustainability. Before the pandemic, the PSN Green Team organised a monthly drive at Prestige Shantiniketan (PSN), encouraging residents to contribute any type of bag. These bags were then collected, sorted by size, and made available in designated boxes outside the supermarket for community use. Residents can drop off any surplus bags at the box and retrieve them whenever needed.

Another distinctive initiative by the PSN Green Team is the plant-swapping program. During the pandemic when residents were confined to their homes, this initiative gained popularity. The concept involved sharing plant cuttings, seeds, and pots among the residents. This not only provided an avenue for residents to exchange excess plants but also facilitated a sense of community as individuals shared the joys and challenges of their plant journeys. Residents would gather in a centralised location once a quarter to actively participate in the plant-swapping activity. "I am very happy with the green initiatives. Clothes and cloth bags are in good condition. The plant swap initiative is very good. I am looking forward to more such programmes in the near future," said Harsha K L, a resident.



The residents decided to dedicate a room in the basement, which was lying idle, to share books of all kinds, especially textbooks. The books are arranged on discarded shelves which were repaired, thus proving that it does not have to be new to be useful. The books that cannot be accommodated in the room are then sorted and sent off to govt schools and NGOs to use as reference material.

"My two children have availed books from the library. We donated many books to a government school at Ramagondanahalli. These initiatives will have a positive impact on our children," said Sathya C, a resident. Given the substantial quantity of wet waste generated in such a large community, the PSN Green Team took proactive measures to address this issue. They organised a series of online and offline workshops, collaborating with composting companies and enthusiastic residents keen to share their composting experiences.

They recorded videos showcasing the diverse ways in which residents approached composting in their own spaces. These videos were then shared across the community. A dedicated WhatsApp group provides support to residents who are eager to start their journey or are facing problems while composting.

Many of us have shoes in good condition with minor issues like a detached sole or a loose strap. The hassle of going to a cobbler far away, finding parking, etc., often prevents us from getting them fixed and extending their life. To address this, the team approached a nearby cobbler to set up a shop in the community once a week. Now, hundreds of residents benefit from the service without the worry of parking, making it more convenient to preserve and extend the life of their footwear.

The Green Team has promoted reusable cutlery, and BYOB (Bring Your Own Bottle/Bag) awareness initiatives, and offered alternatives to residents to minimise the use of disposables. Additionally, a resident initiated a small-scale cutlery bank, allowing residents to rent cutlery for small house parties to reduce disposables. With increasing awareness, the residents aim to transition towards zero disposable festival celebrations soon.

A recent initiative involves preloved clothes, where residents declutter their wardrobes of clothes that no longer fit them or their kids. Using preloved shelves donated by fellow residents, a room in the society's basement was transformed into a store-like space. The clothes are then organised by size and gender.

"This initiative has become popular among the residents. Shoes in good condition were kept too. The room, open 24/7 to all residents, has hundreds of clothes in good condition. One can pick up whatever they need and drop off whatever they do not. Clothes that were not gently used, but were still in great shape, were kept aside to be given to support staff and NGOs. Nothing from the lot was discarded. The support staff of the maintenance agency greatly appreciated the gesture by the residents since the clothes they received were in absolutely great shape," said Dipti Serrao, a resident.

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– Sathya C, resident

Electronic City needs CCTV cameras

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for vigilance through CCTVs," said Ishan, a resident. Residents said as most stormwater drains are left open, people dump trash directly in SWDs.

"People are dumping trash in the drains. In some places, areas near SWDs become garbage blackspots and the waste tips over into the drain. There is no UGD system, so drainage is let into the drains. So the garbage enters Shikaripalya Lake and Maragondana-halli Lake," he added.

Residents have asked for 3 CCTV cameras on the Shikaripalya main road, 3 on the Gollahalli main road and 4 on the Sai Baba main road.

Residents said CCTVs will help nab the miscreants red-handed. "We can see garbage being dumped all over. For six months, garbage has been collected from apartments by an authorised vendor. Each flat is paying Rs 60-70 for collection; still, waste is being dumped on the road. We don't know if waste is being collected from the villages. We have seen commercial establishments dump waste at all times of the day, so we requested CCTVs. MP DK Suresh instructed Hebbagodi police to install CCTVs," said Saji, a resident.

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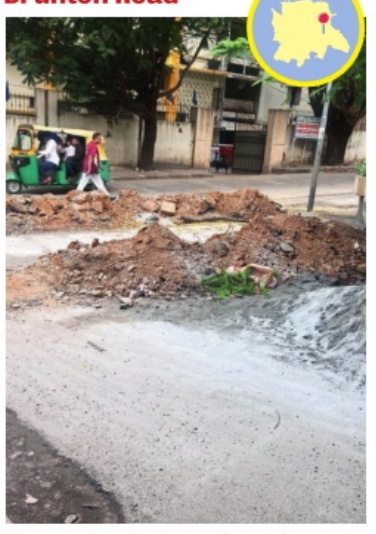
Roadside dumping
Weavers' Colony

Garbage is disposed of along the roadside from Koli Farm and Weavers' Colony to Shanbhoganahalli, just off Bannerghatta Road.

Roadway disarray
Brunton Road



The road at Brunton Road Cross is blocked, leaving citizens in a lurch due to the mess created by BBMP.

Banner invasion
Sanjaynagar

The beauty of the KEB layout in Sanjaynagar is marred by numerous banners, fixed at every cross, along with poles and trees.

NIA raids multiple locations in prison radicalisation case

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Wednesday raided multiple locations across Bengaluru, in a case relating to radicalisation of prisoners by a Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) terrorist.

A total of six locations, including the houses of four accused, one of whom is still absconding, were extensively searched as part of the NIA's continuing investigations into the case, NIA stated.

The other locations that were searched were premises connected with two other suspects. Meanwhile, the NIA teams seized a host of digital devices, various incriminating documents, and cash amounting to Rs 7.3 lakh during the raids, conducted at the premises of Mohammed Umar, Mohammed Faisal Rabbani, Tanveer Ahmed and Mohammed Farooq, who were all apprehended in July by the Bengaluru Crime Branch as well. The searches were carried out at locations connected to Junaid Ahmed, a prominent suspect in the purported terror plot who fled the nation for Dubai in 2021.

Three accused are currently absconding in the case, registered under various sections of IPC, UA(P) Act, 1967 and Explosive Substances Act, 1884, it added.

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Commuters who frequent Nagawara junction in the city have noted that Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) buses that ply around the junction stop abruptly due to the lack of a designated bus stop, causing traffic snarls.

Rise Up for Rights, an NGO, who brought up the issue to light on X (formerly Twitter), said, "The Nagawara Bus Stop doesn't have any standard stops. Due to this, every BMTC bus halts at the edge of the traffic signal, which causes a lot of trouble for all other vehicles at this bus stop point."

The group further added that if the responsible authorities shifted the bus stop a few metres further, it would be of much help to other motorists. Netizens have resonated with the issue and said that BMTC buses stopping on narrow lanes for their passengers to alight and get on, even if only for a few minutes, leads to disruption of the smooth flow of vehicles.

Recently, an incident of a bus shelter near MS Ramaiah Hospital being moved 60 metres further by unknown persons, without permission from authorities, to avoid traffic congestion on the stretch also came to light.

BMTC buses that ply around Nagawara junction stop abruptly

"This phenomenon has become a frequent occurrence across the city. The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) must ensure in its road designs to set aside enough space for buses to stop and ensure that passengers alight and board in safety. In areas near bus stops, the pedestrian pathway can be caved in slightly to make room for bus stops. This would be of significant help to motorists, as they would not have to navigate lane changes due to the bus stoppages," said Preetish, an accountant who commutes by two-wheeler.

Another commuter noted that while the BMTC conducts route rationalisation, it must consider the movement of other vehicles before choosing designated spots for bus stops.

"In roads that have wide space, are able to accommodate more than three lanes of traffic, and witness a significant flow of BMTC buses, bus priority lanes must be implemented. This way, public transport will be segregated from private vehicle movement, and the stoppages will not have any effect. Bus lanes also led to faster movement of buses, acting as an incentive for citizens to switch to public transport," said Deepthika, a frequent BMTC user.

Green crimes & no punishment

As of 2022, more than 1,400 cases related to environment remain unresolved, says data; experts say environmental offences are not treated seriously

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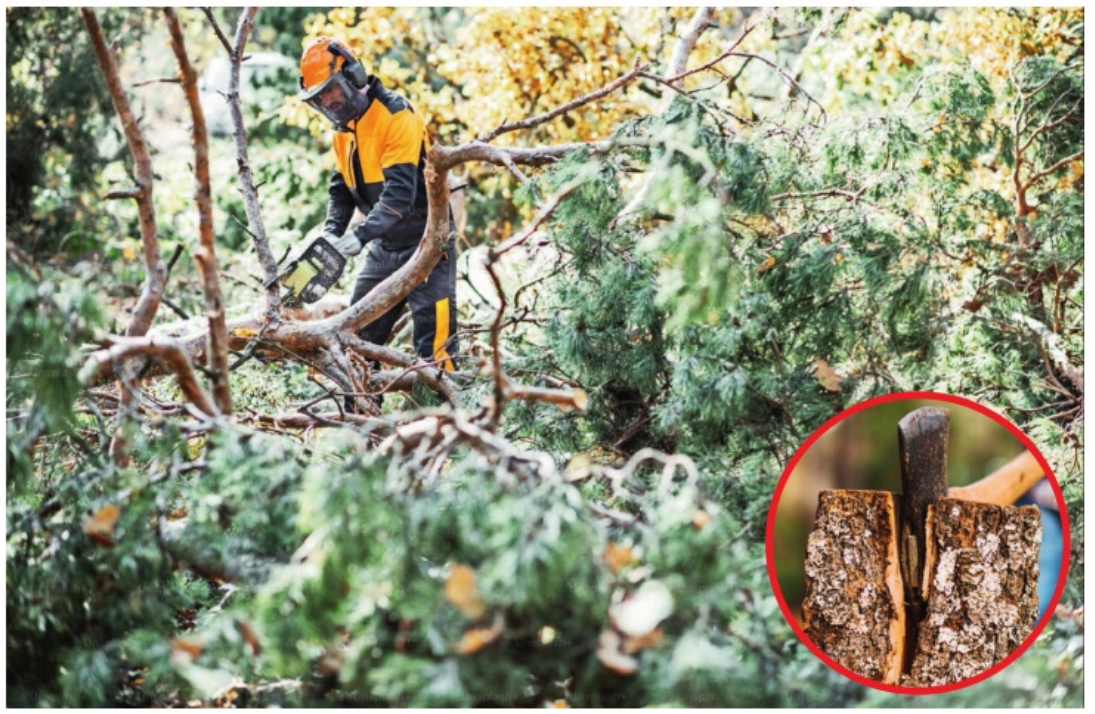

To clear the backlog, the state will have to clear nearly four environment-related cases every day

According to the data released by the National Crime Records Bureau, over 1,400 environment-related cases were pending trial in Karnataka in 2022. While 1,392 cases were pending trial from the previous year, 313 cases were sent to trial in 2022. Out of these, only 239 cases were disposed of, leaving behind 1,466 cases pending trial at the end of the year.

To clear this backlog, the state will have to clear nearly four environment-related cases every day. However, going by the current disposal rate of 0.65 cases every day, Karnataka will take at least six more years to clear the current backlog.

Experts say the low rate of disposal is because environment-related offenses are not taken up earnestly by agencies such as the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board and the Karnataka Forest Department.

"There is a lack of seriousness right from the beginning. Cases under various environmental acts are being filed just to show that some action has been taken. Many cases involve influential private parties, and in such situations, cases are booked because it is difficult to avoid, especially when the violation is blatant. However, soft-peddling begins thereafter, and they get dragged. For instance, while multiple cases against tree felling get filed in the city regularly, they do not reach a logical conclusion," said Dattatreya Devare, trustee of Bangalore Environment Trust (BET).

More often than not, these departments are not adequately staffed, leading to long periods of pendency. Environment-related cases require intensive investigation, but the shortage of manpower and other resources leads to many unresolved cases and a slow disposal rate. Experts opine the solution is to strengthen these departments by filling up vacancies.

> **"There is a lack of seriousness right from the beginning. Cases under various environmental acts are being filed just to show that some action has been taken** –Dattatreya Devare

Interestingly, a performance audit report by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) a couple of years ago showed that KSPCB had been reeling under a severe manpower crunch, with more than 50% of its scientific and technical posts lying vacant. Over 60% of administrative posts were not filled as well. As per the report, while the board had 682 sanctioned posts, only 297 posts were found to be occupied.

According to a city-based wildlife conservationist, while the Karnataka Forest Department itself is also reeling under a staff crunch in critical positions in various divisions, including vigilance, it keeps deputing IFS officials to external departments—at times to irrelevant posts. In 2022–23, as many as 58 officials were on deputation, and 60 officials were on deputation in 2021–22.

Currently, out of 164 IFS-sanctioned posts in KFD, only 111 are occupied.

"These officials, mostly IFS and SFS, hold the charge of deputation posts in various departments and government agencies such as Forests, Environment and Ecology Department, KFDC, KSFIC, KCDC, Tourism, Lake Development, Karnataka Biodiversity Board, Karnataka Medicinal Plant, Jungle Lodges and EMPRI, MGIRED, CADA, Karnataka Pollution Board, KSHDC, MPM, BDA, BBMP, and KBJNL. Keeping the sanctioned posts vacant while deputing IFS and SFS officers to external departments only hampers the goal of forest and wildlife conservation, including taking forest offence cases to a logical end," said a city-based wildlife conservationist.

Coles Park has a rodent problem

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items thrown in the park.

"We are not able to walk freely on the pathway in Coles Park. The condition of the park is very bad. There are many rat and rodent holes in the park. I wanted to stop visiting Coles Park due to the rats and rodents," said Farah D, a resident.

Coming down heavily on the authorities for not acting tough against those feeding crows, rats, and rodents at parks, Arshad BK, a resident, said that he has been visiting Coles Park for walks for the last 40 years.

"I stopped visiting Coles Park and opted to visit the Indira Gandhi Musical Fountain Park for walks. I found a few people keeping food items around trees where rodent holes exist. I want the authorities concerned to take measures to stop citizens feeding rats and rodents in public areas," said Arshad.

There are many rat and rodent holes in the park

A regular visitor, pleading anonymity, said he has noticed some people feeding crows. "Leftover food items thrown or kept in the park are being eaten by rats and rodents. I am of the opinion that these people, either due to lack of awareness or superstitious beliefs, are feeding rats, rodents, and crows here," said the resident.

Meanwhile, the BBMP horticulture officer of Coles Park said that it has become a habit for some people to feed pets inside the park though it is against norms. "There are occasions where they tried to manhandle the horticulture department employees for objecting to the feeding of animals and birds inside the park. These people leave food items inside the park in the morning. We have informed the jurisdictional police about the nuisance," said the BBMP horticulture officer.

Mysuru man's role has left his father shell-shocked

Engineer's involvement in Parliament breach shocks father and nation

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The security breach in the Parliament has sent shockwaves across the nation. Unfortunately, the incident has a Mysuru link, as one of the perpetrators hails from Mysuru. Equally shocked is the perpetrator's father, who states that he was ignorant of his son's activities and was stunned upon hearing about Wednesday's incident, where his son is also an accused.

Earlier in the day, Manoranjan D (from Mysuru) and Sagar Sharma jumped into the Lok Sabha chamber from the public gallery, releasing yellow-coloured smoke from canisters and triggering panic among Members of Parliament before raising slogans.

Manoranjan's father, Devaraje Gowda, a resident of Mysuru's Vijayanagar area, said, "We come from a farmers' family. My son was shuttling between Bengaluru and Delhi, and I am clueless about his actions. He is an engineer who completed his BE from BIT in 2016. Former PM HD Deve Gowda used his influence to secure a seat for him. He used to wear old sandals and ride a scooter. My son used to work on my farm in Piriyapatna. During his free time, he traveled around. In his mind, he was a staunch follower of Swami Vivekananda, and our home is filled with books. He always spoke about wanting to bring a drastic change in society, but we never thought he would do something like this. He was not affiliated with any political party. We urged him to get married, but he refused. Three days ago, he left home, saying he had some work in Bengaluru. I always told him to focus on his profession and forget about his social work, but he never listened."

From left: A video grab shows yellowish smoke in the Parliament, in New Delhi, on Wednesday; A visitor jumps in the Lok Sabha chamber from the public gallery; Devaraje Gowda speaks to media in Mysuru

> **"He left home 3 days ago saying he had work in Bengaluru. I told him to focus on his profession and forget about social work, but he never listened"**
> –Devaraje Gowda, Manoranjan's father

He added that it is okay if his son does good. "But if he has done something wrong, then hang him. He is not my son if he has done wrong. The Parliament is ours. People like you all have built it. Leaders like Mahatma Gandhi and Nehru toiled to build it. Whoever attacks it is condemnable. We will not accept it. My son is a good boy. He is honest and truthful. His only desire is to do good for society and sacrifice for it."

Earlier on Wednesday, a police team, led by an ACP rank officer, visited Manoranjan's residence in Vijayanagar, Mysuru, to gather information about him. Reports suggest that Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha, whose office issued passes to the accused youth, explained that they had requested the passes to observe the proceedings.

Echoes in Belagavi

The incident echoed in the Belagavi session, where Chief Minister Siddaramaiah condemned it as a serious security lapse, leading to heated arguments between the Congress and the BJP. Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, IT and BT Minister Priyank Kharge criticised the BJP, questioning what would have happened if the passes were issued by a Congress MP. He stressed the responsibility of MPs when issuing passes, stating that had it been the other way around, the BJP would have labeled them as anti-national. He pointed out the irony of the BJP issuing certificates of patriotism. Responding, Leader of the Opposition R Ashoka commented on the Congress's perception that Parliament belongs to the BJP, stating that Parliament belongs to all citizens and termed the political statements at this stage as unfortunate. Later, Home Minister G Parameshwara stated that, when issuing passes, all public representatives should exercise caution as no verification is conducted.

Couple abducts 2 kids, arrested

A couple was apprehended in possession of babies who had been stolen from their parents, from the Yeshwanthpur Railway Station, on Tuesday. The suspects have been identified as Pramila and her husband Balaram, who hail from Bihar. The pair was taken into custody around 11:30 am, by the Railway Police for suspicious behaviour with a girl child and her brother.

Pramila Devi and Balaram did not have children after marriage, so it is said that they had planned to take the babies to Bihar when they abducted them in broad daylight from Kodigehalli. The abduction was caught on camera. The camera footage has captured the woman approaching the girl and her brother as they are playing on the road at 9.30 am. They talk for a while before walking with her.

Hours after the kids vanished, their parents filed a kidnapping report at the Police Station.

Hoax bomb call to Raj Bhavan: 1 held

The man who made the hoax call about a bomb planted inside the Raj Bhavan premises here was arrested from Chittoor in Karnataka, police said on Wednesday.

The accused Bhasker (34), a B Com graduate, is in agriculture and hails from Vadahalli village in Mulbagal taluk of Kolar district, they said.

The investigation revealed that the accused had come to Bengaluru on Monday night and while passing by Raj Bhavan, he searched for the contact number of NIA's (National Investigation Agency) control room on Google and made a call claiming about the presence of a bomb. "The accused made the call out of curiosity...Just like that without knowing the consequences of his action. We have checked his background and he does not have any previous criminal record," an official said. **PTI**

Awareness campaign after fatal tiger attack

A day after the partly eaten body of a 50-year-old man was found inside the Bandipur Tiger Reserve, the forest officials are starting an awareness campaign in villages abutting the reserve. The campaign will entail week-long street plays by a skit team from Mysore.

Bandipur Tiger Reserve director Ramesh Kumar informed that the team will work along with village panchayat members and will perform awareness skits across nearly 200 villages in the area.

"The street play team is being brought from Mysore and it will perform 4-5 skits every day for a week in 20 villages in and around the area. In the past, we have conducted these skits in the Hediyala Wildlife Range but it is the first time such an awareness campaign is being organised in the Kundakere Range as no such incident was reported in the past. We will be involving panchayat members for better outcomes. The campaign will communicate to the villagers that they should not enter the forest area and when they have to, they must do so in a group. Big cats are shy and generally do not like to encounter human beings. So if a group of humans is passing by, they would never attack," said Kumar.

Bandipur forest officials also informed that ten camera traps have been installed to confirm whether the attack was by a tiger or a leopard.

"We put up ten camera traps on Wednesday to understand if it was a tiger or a leopard. We have also collected hair samples from the spot and sent them for analysis," added Kumar.

The body of the shepherd was discovered on Tuesday evening after a two-day-long search. Basavaiah, a tribal from the area, was untraceable after he entered the forest on Sunday morning to collect firewood. After he did not return home by the evening, his family members along with some villagers launched a search, which was also joined by officials from Karnataka Forest Department.

Officials to conduct awareness skits on interaction with wildlife

His half-devoured body was found on a hillock on Tuesday evening. This was the third death recorded in the Bandipur area in the last month. On November 24, Rathnamma, a 50-year-old woman, was killed by a tiger in Nanjangud taluk under Hediyala Wildlife Range in Bandipur Tiger Reserve. The second incident was that of Balaji Nayaka, a resident of Kadabeguru village, who was killed by another tiger in the Moleyur Wildlife Range on November 6.

According to wildlife activists, while the Karnataka Forest Department has conducted such awareness programs in the past, it should be a continuous process given the recent surge in human-wildlife conflict cases.

"The forest department should educate the villagers by creating awareness. Not that awareness programs have not been conducted by the department in the past, but it has to be a continuous process. Moreover, villagers and farmers living around forest patches and tiger reserves must also act responsibly. Entering the forest and covering a distance of almost two kilometres inside the forest is inviting trouble," said Joseph Hoover, former State Board for Wildlife member and founder of the United Conservation Movement and Charitable Trust.

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SMILE THAT LASTS

How you can extend the life of your teeth

A healthy smile helps us live long, well and happy lives. But just like our bodies, our teeth succumb to age-related changes.

So what happens to teeth as you age? And what can you do to ensure your smile lasts the distance?

First, what are teeth made of?

The tooth crown is covered by a hard enamel coat that surrounds softer, brown dentine, which protects a centrally located pulp.

Enamel is a complex weave of brittle, honeycomb-clustered strands that interact with light to make teeth appear opalescent (a pearly, milky iridescence).

Dentine under enamel forms most of the tooth crown and root, and is made of collagen, mineral, water and proteins. Collagen strands are woven to stretch and spring back, to prevent teeth from cracking and breaking when we grind and chew.

The pulp has blood vessels and nerves that communicate with the rest of your body.

Enmeshed in the dentine mineral and collagen are small, interconnected tubules formed by specialised cells called odontoblasts that settle around the pulp, once our teeth completely form.

Each tooth contains a finite number of odontoblasts, unlike the constantly replenished special bone cells that renew.

How do our teeth change as we age?

Unable to renew, our teeth become brittle, and prone to fracture as dentine loses its spring.

This is more common in teeth with existing crack lines, large fillings or root canal treatments.

With time, the outer surface of enamel thins to reveal the relatively opaque dentine that darkens as we age.

The dentine darkens because the collagen weave stiffens and shrinks, and the fluid in the tubules fills with minerals.

The odontoblasts continue to form dentine inside the tooth to reduce the translucent pulp space. The increase in dentine makes our teeth appear opaque and insulates from hot and cold sensations. This is why X-rays are useful to detect cavities we may not feel.

Food and drink particles fill micro-gaps and age-related fine crack lines that run up and down enamel to discolour and stain. These stains are easily managed by tooth whitening.

How else can you extend the life of your teeth and brighten your smile? Here are seven tips to avoid dental decline:

Avoid unnecessary forces

Avoid using your teeth to hold things such as working tools or to open packaging.

Take measures to avoid forces such as grinding or clenching by wearing a night guard.

If you have large fillings or root canal-treated teeth, speak to your dentist about specific filling materials or crowns that can protect your teeth from cracking or breaking.

Share the load

If you are missing molars or premolars, distribute chewing forces evenly to prevent overloading your remaining teeth.

Replace missing teeth with bridges, implants or well-fitted dentures to support your bite. Get your dentures checked regularly to ensure they fit and support adequately, and replace them at least every ten years.

Preserve your enamel

Reduce further enamel and dentine loss by selecting soft-bristled toothbrushes and non-abrasive toothpastes.

Certain whitening toothpastes can be abrasive, which can roughen and wear the tooth surfaces. If you are unsure, stick with toothpastes that are labelled "sensitive".

Reduce your exposure to acid in food (think lemons or apple cider vinegar) or illness (reflux or vomiting) where possible to maintain enamel and prevent erosion.

Enhance your saliva

Saliva protects against acid attacks, flushes our teeth, and has antibacterial properties to reduce erosion and decay (holes forming).

Saliva is also important to help us chew, swallow and speak.

But our saliva quality and quantity reduces because of age-related changes to our salivary glands as well as certain medications prescribed to manage chronic illnesses such as depression and high blood pressure.

Speak to your doctor about other medication options to improve your saliva or manage reflux disease to prevent erosion.

Treat gum disease

Aesthetically, treating gum disease (periodontitis) reduces gum shrinkage (recession) that typically exposes the relatively darker tooth roots that are more prone to developing holes.

Manage and prevent senescence

Cellular senescence is the process that changes DNA in our cells to reduce our ability to withstand physical, chemical or biological damage.

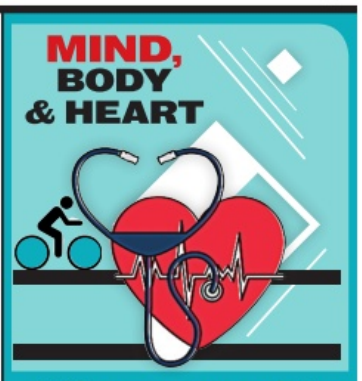
Cellular senescence enhances new cancer formation, the spread of existing cancers and the onset of chronic illnesses such as Alzheimer's disease, diabetes, osteoporosis and heart disease.

You can prevent cell damage by managing lifestyle factors such as smoking, uncontrolled diabetes and chronic infections such as gum disease.

Adapt and ask for help

Ageing can affect our cognition, hand dexterity and eyesight to prevent us from cleaning our teeth and gums as effectively as we once could. If this describes you, talk to your dental care team. They can help clean your teeth, and recommend products and tools to fit your situation and abilities.

(By Arosha Weerakoon, The University of Queensland, The Conversation)



All you need to know about...

Smoking impact on brain

Brain shrinkage
Smoking does not only affect your heart and lungs, but it can also shrink your brain permanently, and the damage done is irreversible, according to a new study.

Can't get back to original
Although quitting smoking can prevent further loss of brain tissue, stopping smoking will not restore the brain to its original size, revealed the findings, published in the journal Biological Psychiatry: Global Open Science.
The study also explains why smokers are at high risk of age-related cognitive decline and Alzheimer's disease.

Focus on brain
Since people's brains naturally lose volume with age, smoking effectively causes the brain to age prematurely, said researchers at the Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis.
"Up until recently, scientists have overlooked the effects of smoking on the brain, in part because we were focused on all the terrible effects of smoking on the lungs and the heart," said Laura J. Bierut, Professor of Psychiatry at the varsity.
"But as we've started looking at the brain more closely, it's become apparent that smoking is also really bad for your brain."

Dose matters
They found a link between the history of smoking and brain volume; genetic risk for smoking and history of smoking; and genetic risk for smoking and brain volume.
The link between smoking and brain volume depended on dose: The more packs a person smoked per day, the smaller their brain volume.

Damage is done
The shrinkage may be irreversible. By analysing data on people who had quit smoking years before, the researchers found their brains remained smaller than those who had never smoked. —IANS

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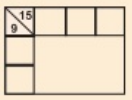
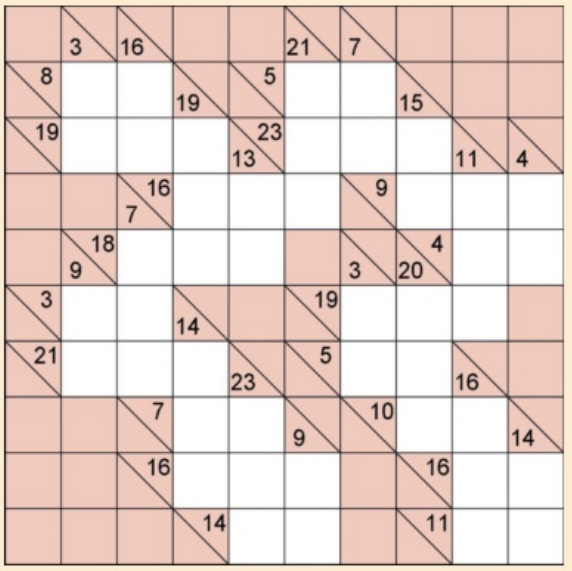
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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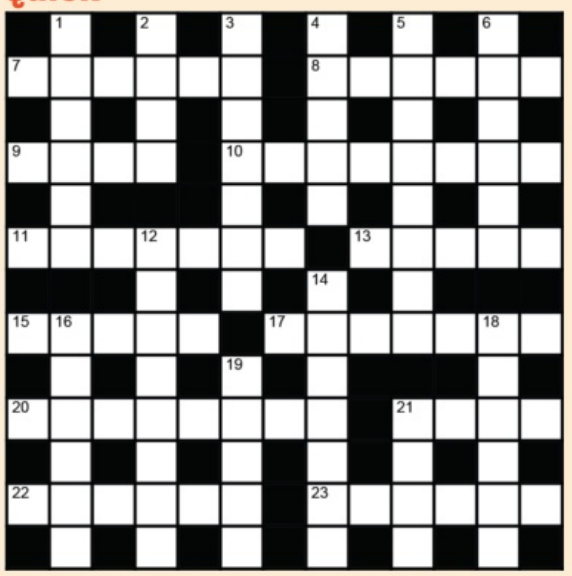


ACROSS

7 Killed in battle (6)
8 Savages (6)
9 Flat-bottomed boat (4)
10 Binding as a bandage (8)
11 Tutored or taught, gave private tuitions to (7)
13 Rely on; have faith in (5)
15 J in J & K? (5)
17 Does over, revises; modernises (7)
20 Yielding positive results (8)
21 Friends coupled with kin (4)
22 Unruffled or sedate (6)
23 Bird of prey (6)

DOWN

1 Cowboy of the pampas (6)
2 Exhaled hard (4)
3 ____ for : not requested or invited, in a way? (7)
4 Ex-India batsman ___ Ali Baig (5)
5 Feeling of great elation (8)
6 Federer's forte (6)
12 Assembles complex records for publication (8)
14 Berate (4,3)
16 Concurs or complies with (6)
18 In large amounts of quantity, in a way? (4,2)
19 Tender (5)
21 Chicken curry native to Karnataka (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: R EQUALS T

RYO POKR NYQKSMSCIK CLO TL. TSOR, TL. ZESOR, CIT TL. WOLLQWCI.

Linemaro

Your T-shirt smells fresh

Mindchow

Free yourself of the hope that the sea will ever rest and learn to sail in high winds

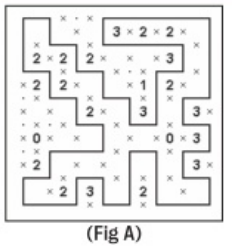
Joke of the day

I bought myself a diver's watch. It's got a shark-resistant strap ... if all he wants is your watch, it's best to let him have it

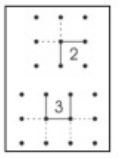
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

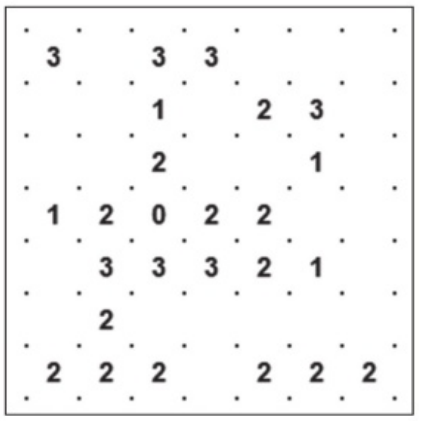


(Fig B) Not Allowed

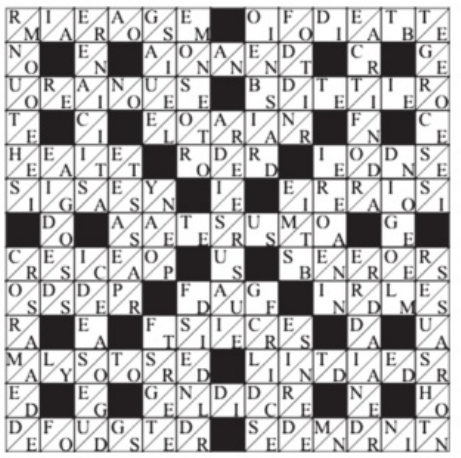
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...

1	2	3	4	5
6				
7		Y		
8				
9				

ACROSS

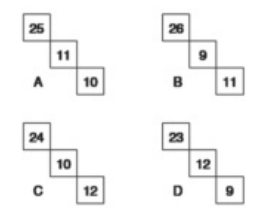
1 Plats; 6 Carte;
7 Or lay; 8 True I;
9 Or tic

DOWN

1 Trust; 2 Troop;
3 Early; 4 I a car;
5 Tie LC

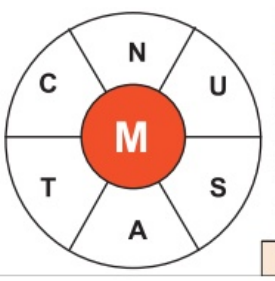
Mensapuzzle

Which is the missing section?



20	19	18	17	16
31	28	?	22	19
26	21	16	?	6
26	22	18	14	?

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

03 Average; **04** Good; **05** Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

	5	8		2		4	1	
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		9	1		7	3		
5			2		4			7
		1				2		
3			5		1			4
		5	3		2	6		
9								3
	3	4		8		5	7	

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 4

2 5 7 8

Medium = 5

2 3 7 8

Hard = 5

1 7 7 4

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

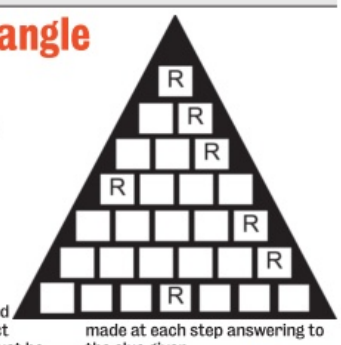
Differences: 1. Tag is added to dog's collar. 2. Doctor has more hair. 3. Wheel is moved. 4. Woman's hair is different. 5. Lever is moved. 6. Table is longer.

Riddler

I have no voice, yet I speak to you; I tell of all things in the world that people do. I have leaves, but I am not a tree. I have a spine and hinges, but I am not a man or a door; I have told you all, I cannot tell you more. What am I?

Alpha triangle

1 Right letter
2 Infra-red abbr
3 Manner
4 Sitarist Shankar
5 Clergyman
6 Roe
7 Greed



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson

Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

Crankshaft

DON'T WORRY ABOUT MRS. JOHNSON CATCHING YOUR BUS, ED... YOUR SECRET IS SAFE WITH US!
ANDY'S RIGHT... I MEAN, WHO'S GOING TO KNOW?
Enterville Sentinel
GRANDMA CATCHES SCHOOL BUS!

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today you are blessed by the moon; your destiny is likely to be with you. Today, you may be more energetic and focused on your work. Your hard work may pay off in terms of success. Your colleagues may be able to help you. You are likely to go on short work-related trips. Some good news may come from your sibling.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, messy situations are now under control. You may feel peace in your mind. You may be able to make a proper balance between expenditures and earnings, which may increase your financial health. You are advised to avoid too much travelling or overworking; it may affect your health. Students can start planning for their future. Love birds may enjoy their happy moments.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today You may have the good support of your family members. You may also have some expansion in your family business during these days, which will increase the social status of your family. You may also plan to expand your family in terms of a new child, which may improve bonding between family members. Students may apply for some scholarships for higher studies.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, you may face health issues; last night, sleeplessness may have made you mentally tired. You may not be focused on your day today at work. You may feel laziness, which may affect your commitments. It is advised to avoid rash driving and adventure tours. You are also advised to avoid spending money on worthless stuff.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, you may be happy. You may spread happiness around you. You may feel harmony in domestic life, and you may enjoy some romantic moments with your spouse. Your family may support you in making important decisions on the professional front. You may expect some new ventures or partnerships in the business or work.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, you may be more spiritual, your destiny may be with you, and you may expect good returns on your past investments. Bonding with your boss is likely to improve, which may give you benefits in terms of promotions. You may also hear some good news from your sibling. You are advised to control your harsh speaking in love and personal life; it may affect your personal and love life.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, you may be busy with social get-togethers. You may also meet some old friends, and your network might be strong, which may give you benefits in the near future on the work front. Natives related to export and import, glamour, and artefacts may perform better. Students are likely to perform better today in terms of studying. Love birds may enjoy their happy moments.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, you may be a victim of sleeplessness, which may make you lazy. You may also become careless, which may affect your inner strength negatively. You are likely to be nervous at work, which may affect your running project. You are advised to avoid making investments in dead stuff. You are advised to avoid spicy food; you may expect a bad digestive system. You should avoid rash driving.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, you may be busy with family matters. You may take some important steps on the domestic front. You should avoid making arguments about personal life matters. Your arrogance may affect domestic harmony. By late evening, things may be under control. You are advised to follow your intuition before making investments in the business.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, a positive moon may make you happy. You can use your patience at every stage. Your performance may be good on the job, and you may get some incentives in terms of rewards. Health-related issues among family members will be resolved now. Job seekers are likely to find a suitable job in their domain. Love birds may enjoy their dating.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, you may have fixed results. It is advised to not expect more from anyone around you; it may make you disappointed. Today you may have self-exploration and self-analysis, which may allow you to filter yourself. After the filtration process, you may feel confident and be ready to accept the challenges around you.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, dissatisfaction may make you upset. You may not be able to enjoy every single moment. You may have a lack of patience, which may affect your way of working. Silly mistakes may happen in your way of working. You may also visit some religious places to seek peace. You are advised to practice meditation or yoga.

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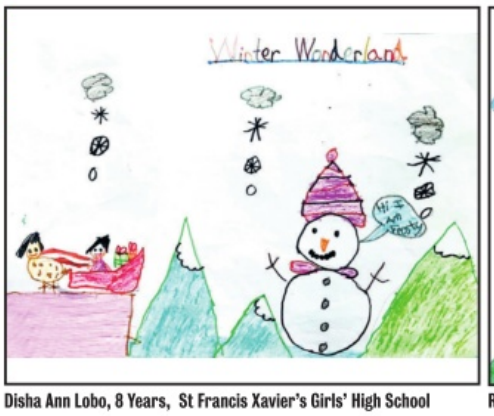

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SOLVE IN 1M
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$\sqrt{(32-2(4))}$
$\sqrt{(16(4))}$
$\sqrt{64}$
=8

BULL'S EYE
mast, must, SANCTUM, scum, sumac

STRIKE OUT

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SUDOKU

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7	5	8	9	2	3	4	1	6

MENSA PUZZLE
A: lines across progress, in turn, –1, –3, –5, –4

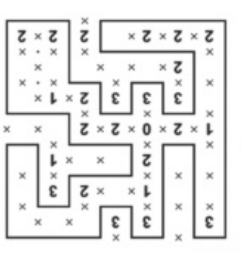
RIDDLER A book

QUOTE UNCODE
The best physicians are Dr. Diet, Dr. Quiet, and Dr. Merryman.

ALPHA TRIANGLE
R, In, Air, Ravi, Vicar, Caviar, Avarice.

GO FIGURE
Easy
5 – 7 – 2 + 8 = 4
Medium
8 – 7 × 3 + 2 = 5
Hard
4 – 7 + 7 + 1 = 5

LOOP



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- ಡಿ.15ರಂದು ಸಂಜೆ 6 ರಿಂದ 8ರ ವರೆಗೆ ಖ್ಯಾತ ಹಿನ್ನೆಲೆ ಗಾಯಕ ಬೆನ್ನಿ ದಯಾಲ್ ಅವರಿಂದ **'ಗಾನ ವೈಭವ'.**
- ಡಿ. 16ರಂದು ಖ್ಯಾತ ಹಿನ್ನೆಲೆ ಗಾಯಕಿ ಶ್ರೇಯಾ ಘೋಷಾಲ್ ಅವರಿಂದ **'ಭಾವ ಲಹರಿ'.**
- ಡಿ.17ರಂದು ಸಂಜೆ 5:15ರಂದು ಡಾ.ಮೈಸೂರು ಮಂಜುನಾಥ್, ಡಾ. ಪ್ರವೀಣ್ ಗೋಡ್ಖಿಂಡಿ ಹಾಗೂ ವಿಜಯ ಪ್ರಕಾಶ್ ಅವರಿಗೆ **ಆಳ್ವಾಸ್ ವಿರಾಸತ್ ಪ್ರಶಸ್ತಿ ಪ್ರದಾನ.** ಬಳಿಕ ಸಂಜೆ 6:30ಕ್ಕೆ ಡಾ. ಮೈಸೂರು ಮಂಜುನಾಥ್ ಮತ್ತು ಡಾ.ಪ್ರವೀಣ್ ಗೋಡ್ಖಿಂಡಿ ಮತ್ತು ವಿಜಯ ಪ್ರಕಾಶ್ ಅವರಿಂದ **'ತಾಳ-ವಾದ್ಯ-ಸಂಗೀತ'.** ರಾತ್ರಿ 7:30ಕ್ಕೆ ಖ್ಯಾತ ಹಿನ್ನೆಲೆ ಗಾಯಕ ವಿಜಯಪ್ರಕಾಶ್ ಅವರಿಂದ **ಸಂಗೀತ ರಸ ಸಂಜೆ** ನಡೆಯಲಿದೆ. 9.30ಕ್ಕೆ **ಆಳ್ವಾಸ್ ಸಾಂಸ್ಕೃತಿಕ ವೈಭವ.**

■ ಬಿ. ಸೀತಾರಾಮ ಆಚಾರ್ಯ, ಮೂಡುಬಿದಿರೆ

ಆಳ್ವಾಸ್ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ಪ್ರತಿಷ್ಠಾನದ ವತಿಯಿಂದ 29ನೇ ವರ್ಷದ ಆಳ್ವಾಸ್ ವಿರಾಸತ್ ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ಸಾಂಸ್ಕೃತಿಕ ವೈಭವ ಡಿ.14ರಿಂದ ಡಿ. 17ರವರೆಗೆ ನಡೆಯಲಿದೆ.

ಪ್ರತೀ ದಿನ ಮುಸ್ಸಂಜೆಯಿಂದ ಮೂಡುಬಿದಿರೆಯ ವಿದ್ಯಾಗಿರಿಯ ವಿವೇಕಾನಂದ ನಗರದ ಭವ್ಯ ವೇದಿಕೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನಡೆಯುವ ಈ ಸಾಂಸ್ಕೃತಿಕೋತ್ಸವದಲ್ಲಿ ಜಗತ್ಪ್ರಸಿದ್ಧರಾದ ಗಾಯಕರು, ಸಂಗೀತಗಾರರು ಸಂಗೀತದ ನಾದ ಮಾಧುರ್ಯದ ರಸದೌತಣ ನೀಡಲಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

ವರ್ಷದಿಂದ ವರ್ಷಕ್ಕೆ ವಿಭಿನ್ನವಾಗಿ ಮತ್ತು ಅರ್ಥಪೂರ್ಣವಾಗಿ ನಡೆಯುವ ಆಳ್ವಾಸ್ ವಿರಾಸತ್ ಕೇವಲ ಸಂಗೀತ ನೃತ್ಯಗಳಿಗಷ್ಟೇ ಸೀಮಿತವಾಗದೆ ಅಬಾಲವೃದ್ಧರನ್ನು ಆಕರ್ಷಿಸುವ, ಅವರ ಹೃನ್ಮನಗಳಿಗೆ ಮುದ ನೀಡುವಂತೆ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮಗಳನ್ನು ಸಂಯೋಜಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಮುಸ್ಸಂಜೆಯ ಹೊತ್ತಲ್ಲಿ ವಿರಾಸತ್ ವೇದಿಕೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕಲಾವಿದರು ಸಂಗೀತ ನೃತ್ಯ ಪ್ರದರ್ಶಿಸಿದರೆ ಹಗಲಲ್ಲಿ ಇಡೀ ಕ್ಯಾಂಪಸ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ನಡೆಯುವ ಸಪ್ತಮೇಳಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಹಲವು ಬಗೆಯ ವಿಚಾರಗಳನ್ನು ಕಣ್ತುಂಬಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಅವಕಾಶ ಕಲ್ಪಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಸಪ್ತಮೇಳಗಳು

ಕೃಷಿಮೇಳ, ಆಹಾರಮೇಳ, ಫಲಪುಷ್ಪಮೇಳ, ಕರಕುಶಲ ಮತ್ತು ಪ್ರಾಚ್ಯವಸ್ತು ಪ್ರದರ್ಶನ ಮೇಳ, ಚಿತ್ರಕಲಾ ಮೇಳ, ಕಲಾಕೃತಿಗಳ ಮೇಳ, ಛಾಯಾಚಿತ್ರಗಳ ಪ್ರದರ್ಶನಗಳು ಆಸಕ್ತರನ್ನು ಸೆಳೆಯಲಿದೆ.

ಪ್ರತಿದಿನ ಲಕ್ಷಕ್ಕೂ ಅಧಿಕ ಮಂದಿ ಪಾಲ್ಗೊಳ್ಳುವ ನಿರೀಕ್ಷೆಯಿದ್ದು ಸುಮಾರು 40 ಸಾವಿರ ಆಸನ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥೆಯನ್ನು ಕಲ್ಪಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಕಣ್ಣಿಗೆ ಸೆಳೆಯುವ ಮನಸ್ಸಿಗೆ ಮುದ ನೀಡುವ ಮಂದ ಬೆಳಕಿನ ದೀಪಾಲಂಕಾರ ಕ್ಯಾಂಪಸ್ ನ ಅಂದವನ್ನು ಹೆಚ್ಚಿಸಿದೆ.

ಚಿತ್ರಕಲೆ - ಛಾಯಾಚಿತ್ರಗಳ ಪ್ರದರ್ಶನ

ವಿರಾಸತ್‌ನ ಮತ್ತೊಂದು ದೃಶ್ಯಸೊಬಗು ಚಿತ್ರಕಲಾ ಮೇಳ. ಸುಮಾರು 200ಕ್ಕೂ ಹೆಚ್ಚು ದೇಶ ವಿದೇಶದ ಕಲಾಕಾರರ 500ಕ್ಕೂ ಅಧಿಕ ಚಿತ್ರಕಲಾಕೃತಿಗಳು ಪ್ರದರ್ಶನಕ್ಕಿವೆ. ವಿವಿಧ ಕಲಾಪ್ರಕಾರಗಳ ಕೃತಿಗಳೂ ಮನ ಸೆಳೆಯಲಿವೆ.
ವಿರಾಸತ್ ಅಂಗವಾಗಿ ವನ್ಯಜೀವಿ ಛಾಯಾಚಿತ್ರ ಸ್ಪರ್ಧೆಯು ಈಗಾಗಲೇ ನಡೆದಿದ್ದು, ಪ್ರದರ್ಶನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದ ಫೋಟೊಗಳು ಸೇರಿದಂತೆ ಸುಮಾರು 3 ಸಾವಿರಕ್ಕೂ ಅಧಿಕ ಛಾಯಾಚಿತ್ರಗಳ ಪ್ರದರ್ಶನವಿದೆ.

ಭವ್ಯ ಸಾಂಸ್ಕೃತಿಕ ಮೆರವಣಿಗೆ

ಡಿಸೆಂಬರ್ 14ರಂದು ಸಂಜೆ 6.35ರಿಂದ ರಾತ್ರಿ 8 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ ನಡೆಯುವ ಭವ್ಯ ಸಾಂಸ್ಕೃತಿಕ ಮೆರವಣಿಗೆಯಲ್ಲಿ 100ಕ್ಕೂ ಹೆಚ್ಚು ಜಾನಪದ ತಂಡಗಳ 5 ಸಾವಿರಕ್ಕೂ ಹೆಚ್ಚು ಕಲಾವಿದರು ಪಾಲ್ಗೊಳ್ಳಲಿದ್ದು ವೈವಿಧ್ಯಮಯ ಜಾನಪದ ಕಲೆ ಸಂಸ್ಕೃತಿಯನ್ನು ಅನಾವರಣಗೊಳಿಸಲಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

ರಥಾರತಿ ವಿಶೇಷ

ಈ ಬಾರಿಯ ವಿರಾಸತ್‌ನ ವಿಶೇಷ 'ರಥಾರತಿ'. ಮೊದಲ ದಿನ ಮುಖ್ಯ ವೇದಿಕೆಯ ಮುಂಭಾಗದಲ್ಲಿ ಬಲದಿಂದ ಎಡಕ್ಕೆ ಸಾಂಸ್ಕೃತಿಕ ರಥವನ್ನು ಎಳೆಯಲಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಈ ರಥದಲ್ಲಿ ಲೋಕ ಮಾರ್ಗದರ್ಶಕರಾದ ರಾಮ-ಕೃಷ್ಣರ ಮೂರ್ತಿ ಇರಲಿವೆ. ಶಕ್ತಿ ಮತ್ತು ಭಕ್ತಿಯ ಪ್ರತೀಕವಾಗಿ ಹನುಮಂತ, ಸಂಪತ್ತಿನ ದ್ಯೋತಕವಾದ ಮಹಾಲಕ್ಷ್ಮೀ ಹಾಗೂ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣದ ಮಹಾ ಸರಸ್ವತಿ ಇರಲಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ರಥದ ಜೊತೆ ಮೈಸೂರು, ಪಂಡರಾಪುರ ಹಾಗೂ ಹರೇಕೃಷ್ಣ ಪಂಥದ ಭಜನಾ ತಂಡಗಳು ಪಾಲ್ಗೊಳ್ಳಲಿವೆ. ಸಮಾರೋಪದ ದಿನ ರಥವು ಮತ್ತೆ ಎಡದಿಂದ ಬಲಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಚರಿಸಲಿದ್ದು, ಹರಿದ್ವಾರದಿಂದ ಬರುವ ಪ್ರಮುಖರು ಮಂತ್ರ ಘೋಷಗಳೊಂದಿಗೆ ರಥಾರತಿ ಮಾಡಲಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

5 ಲಕ್ಷ ಪುಷ್ಪಗಳ ಪ್ರದರ್ಶನ

ಸುಮಾರು 5 ಲಕ್ಷ ಬಣ್ಣಬಣ್ಣದ ಹೂಗಿಡಗಳ ಪ್ರದರ್ಶನ ಏರ್ಪಡಿಸಿದ್ದು ಈ ಹೂವುಗಳಿಂದ ವಿರಾಸತ್ ಆವರಣವೇ ಮಧುವಣಗಿತ್ತಿಯಂತೆ ಸಿಂಗರಿಸಿದೆ. ಈ ಪೈಕಿ ಎರಡು ಲಕ್ಷಕ್ಕೂ ಅಧಿಕ ಸಸಿಗಳನ್ನು ಆವರಣದಲ್ಲಿಯೇ ಬೆಳೆಸಿದ್ದು, ಸುಮಾರು 20ಕ್ಕೂ ಹೆಚ್ಚು ದೇಶಗಳ ವೈವಿಧ್ಯಮಯ ತಳಿಗಳನ್ನು ಪ್ರದರ್ಶನಕ್ಕೆ ಇರಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಈ ಪುಷ್ಪಗಳಿಂದ ರಚಿಸಿದ ಆನೆ, ಕುದುರೆ, ಜಿರಾಫೆ, ನವಿಲು ಇತ್ಯಾದಿ ಕಲಾಕೃತಿಗಳಿವೆ. ಚೆಂಡು ಹೂ, ಸದಾಪುಷ್ಪ, ವಿವಿಧ ಬಗೆಯ ಸೇವಂತಿಗೆ, ಜೀನ್ಯ ಹೂ, ಗೌರಿ ಹೂ, ವಿವಿಧ ಬಣ್ಣದ ಡಾಲಿ, ಲಿಲ್ಲಿಗಿಡ, ವಿವಿಧ ಬಗೆಯ ಕೇಪುಳ, ಸಿಲ್ವರ್ ಡಸ್ಟ್ ಲ್ಯಾವೆಂಡರ್, ಅನೆಸೊಪ್ಪು, ಬೋನ್ಸಾಯ್ ಗಿಡಗಳು, ಆಂಥೋರಿಯಂ ಗಿಡ, ಕ್ರೋಟನ್ ಗಿಡ, ಮಲ್ಲಿಗೆಯ ತಳಿಗಳು, ಸಲ್ವಿಯ ಸ್ಟೆಂಡನ್ಸ್, ಸೆಲೋಶಿಯ ತಳಿಗಳು, ಕಾಲಿಯಸ್ ಗಿಡ, ಚೈನೀಸ್ ಫ್ರಿಂಜ್, ವೀಪಿಂಗ್ ಫಿಗ್, ವಿಶ್ಬೋನ್ ಸೇರಿದಂತೆ ಸುಮಾರು ಮೂರೂವರೆ ಲಕ್ಷಕ್ಕೂ ಅಧಿಕ ಪುಷ್ಪಗಳಿಂದ ಆವರಣವೇ ಆಲಂಕೃತಗೊಂಡಿದೆ. ಇವು ಹಳದಿ, ಕೇಸರಿ, ಬಿಳಿ, ನೇರಳೆ, ಗುಲಾಬಿ, ಕೆಂಪು ನಾನಾ ಬಣ್ಣಗಳಿಂದ ಕೂಡಿದ್ದು, 'ವಿರಾಸತ್' ಅನ್ನು ವರ್ಣಮಯಗೊಳಿಸಿದೆ.